

Amount from POL Cess to the Railways**†2932. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:****DR. D. MASTHAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have demanded a fixed percentage of the amount recovered through the POL cess levied in the year 1999-2000 budget;

(b) if so, what are the details of this demand and when the same demand was submitted to the concerned Department; and

(c) whether any decision has been taken in this regard and if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Railways had sought a share of 12.5% in the accruals to the Central Road Fund and the same has been approved by the Government. The proposal in this regard was initiated in March 1999 and again reiterated in August 1999.

Railway Projects under Construction**†2933. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:****SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several railway projects are under construction in different regions in the country;

(b) if so, the names of projects and the regions where they are under construction; and

(c) the number of such projects in respect of which construction work was started more than five years ago and only 50 percent of the total construction work has completed so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.